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1. As of January 1953, the Harbin Teachers' Professional Association (TPA) was located at Taoli-chu in a two-storied concrete house near the Harbin Second High School. The city TPA published a weekly paper, Teachers' Professional News. It also maintained a resort for teachers in cooperation with the Educational Bureau of the Harbin city government. The resort, which opened 5 June 1951, was at T'aiyang Tao on the northern bank of the Sungari River. It comprised about ten houses that during the Japanese occupation had been used as summer houses by White Russians and other foreigners. It could accommodate about 100 people. School teachers in ill health who were members of the association were able to stay at the resort on the recommendation of their basic organ of the TPA. It was the city TPA, however, that determined the duration of the stay of each person according to his individual situation. A person might be allowed to stay for a month, two months, or an indefinite period. The charge for board in the resort was 660 fen (100,000 yuan), half of which was paid by the person concerned and half by the government. Medical examinations made by a doctor were free of charge, but there was a charge for expensive medicines, if needed. A regular schedule for meals and bedtime was the only restriction on the time of the patients. The meals were nourishing, and hygienic practices were followed. In Chianpei, Harbin, there was a recreational club which included the members of the TPA. There the members had available to them after working hours and on Sundays a library, a recreational room, a playground, a lounge, and a dining room, all free of charge.

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